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SUBJECT: OCCIDENTAL-LIBYA DISPUTE

1. OCCIDENTAL RELEASED STATEMENT NOVEMBER 4 ANNOUNCING THAT ITS SHARE OF A 390,000 BARREL CARGO OF ZUEITINA CRUDE OIL FROM LIBYA BEING DISCHARGED IN LOUISIANA WAS SEIZED UNDER COURT ORDER. STATEMENT ASSERTS THAT THE OIL WAS PRODUCED AND LOADED BY OXY EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE PROHIBITED FROM LEAVING LIBYA UNLESS SUBSTITUTES ARE FIRST SENT.

2. OCCIDENTAL ALSO INFORMS US THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH LARG, WHICH WERE TO CONTINUE IN TRIPOLI, ARE NOT PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY AND THAT 4 OXY EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM LEAVING THE COUNTRY DESPITE SUPPOSED LI?TN6 OF DEPARTURE RESTRICTION.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CONFIRMATION OR COMMENT ON PARA 2 DEVELOPMENTS WHICH EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE' KISSINGER

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